

to the development of our community and our country.

Since becoming a resident of the Valley, over 20 years ago, Dale has continually strived to make his home and community a better place to live. He sacrifices his personal time, energy, and money so that others may benefit. At one point he was involved with 22 local organizations simultaneously.

His children Joel and Angela have been a tremendous inspiration to him giving him the desire to ensure that their lives, and the lives of other children, can be as fulfilling as possible. He is an active member of A.Y.S.O. as a Division Manager, Treasurer, coach, and even referee. In addition, he has also taken an active role in their education, having served as past President of the Portola Middle School Booster Club, Vice-President of the Wilbur Avenue Elementary School Booster Club, President of the Reseda High School PTSA, and Treasurer of Parents for Public Schools.

Dale has also played an active role in the business community. A certified public accountant, Dale has been a partner with Sandler, Powell, Jacobs & Berlin since 1988. A member of the Tarzana Chamber for many years Dale has been serving as their President since 1997 where he has focused on expanding membership, encouraging activism, and serving the community. We are fortunate that he is being reinstalled as President of the Tarzana chamber for yet another year.

When he does have free time Dale enjoys Civil War Reenacting with his wife Bobbe, of 27 years, and the rest of his family. He is Treasurer of the Fort Tejon Historical Association and spent last summer participating in a reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Mohandas Gandhi once said that "You find yourself by losing yourself in service to your fellow man, your God and country." I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to Dale. Thanks to his leadership, courage, and dedication, our community is an ideal place to raise a family, start a business, or become involved in community activities.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Dale Jacobs for all of his contributions to our community.

#### A TRIBUTE TO VAHAN TEKEYAN AND TO THE TEKEYAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

##### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Vahan Tekeyan on the 120th anniversary of his birth and to the Tekeyan Cultural Association.

Vahan Tekeyan was born in Constantinople, Turkey in 1878. He gained prominence as one of the most celebrated poets in Armenian history. Tekeyan is credited with contributing to saving the Armenian language through his vast writings. It is said that he gave poetry a melody all its own. Tekeyan is recognized both as a poet of the people and as a poet's poet. He courageously met and conquered numerous challenges during his lifetime. Vahan Tekeyan died in Cairo, Egypt at the age of 67.

The Tekeyan Cultural Association was founded in Beirut, Lebanon in 1947 by Profes-

sor Parounag Thomasian, Kersan Aharonian and Harchia Setrakian, Esq. The association is headquartered in Watertown, MA and has chapters throughout the United States as well as in Armenia, Canada, France, Egypt, Argentina, Belgium and Greece. During the Armenian genocide of 1915–1923, the Fresno Chapter of the Tekeyan Cultural Association significantly contributed to the welfare and support of orphans.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Vahan Tekeyan on the 120th anniversary of his birth and to the Tekeyan Cultural Association Fresno Chapter. Their dedication to preserving Armenian heritage and their significant support of numerous noble causes is to be commended. I invite my colleagues to join me in this recognition.

#### TRIBUTE TO FORMER MICHIGAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN L. LOWE

##### HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 1999*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to Allen Lowe, a former representative to the Michigan House of Representatives from the 105th Representative District, which includes five counties in my congressional district.

First elected to the House in 1992, Allen Lowe has just concluded his service in that body because of the Michigan term limits law. This law was enacted at the will of the voters of Michigan, but I have to confess that in this case I believe the law has turned our office a dedicated public servant who was deeply concerned about the welfare of his constituents.

I know that Allen traveled extensively throughout his district, because I pride myself on returning to my district each week to participate in community events, and many times I found Allen attending the same events.

Allen Lowe was a legislator with deep convictions, and although I did not always agree with his position on issues, I have always had the greatest respect for the way in which he presented and defended these convictions. Like myself, Allen was a graduate of Cooley Law School. Like myself, he was a pro-life legislator. And like myself, he was not afraid to challenge Michigan's governor on issues that he believed would be detrimental to his northern Michigan constituents, despite that fact that Allen and the governor were members of the same political party.

Allen brought to his job a broad involvement in community issues. He has been a teacher and school administrator, and he involved himself in activities and organizations that served his Michigan district, including the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Camp Grayling Conservation Club, and the Friends of Hartwick Pines.

I will miss doing parades with him, debating issues, and, as always, working with him on issues of importance to his state representative district.

I believe the people of the 105th Representative District were well-served by Allen Lowe.

#### IN MEMORY OF MARY COOPER STRINGER

##### HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 1999*

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable lady, and constituent of mine from the Third District, Mrs. Mary Cooper Stringer, who passed away on Friday January 15, 1999, in Forest, Mississippi, following a short illness. The Mississippi State Senate adjourned January 18, 1999, in her honor.

Mrs. Stringer, along with her husband Robert P. "Bob" Stringer, lived in the Forest community for the past 40 years and was actively involved in community and local affairs. She was a graduate of Mississippi State College for Women, a member of the Eastern Star, and worked for the Pentagon after graduating from college.

When not doting on her husband, Mrs. Stringer was cheering and backing her favorite team, the Mississippi State Bulldogs and striving to make her hometown the best it could be. Mrs. Stringer's first love was her husband Bob, their two daughters, Jean and Anne and their two sons, Robert and Johnny, along with their 13 grandchildren and one great grandson.

Mrs. Stringer was a very astute businesswoman and a close friend of my predecessor Congressman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery. She was very helpful and active in the planning of the Annual Montgomery Hunters Stew which Bob hosted for Congressman Montgomery each January, for the past 22 years. Mr. Stringer served on the Forest Board of Alderman for four terms before his retirement in June 1997.

The legacy that Mrs. Stringer leaves behind will be very hard to emulate. She was a much admired lady. I extend my sympathy to her husband "Bob", and other family members while expressing my appreciation and that of every citizen of the 3rd District for her life of service.

#### A TRIBUTE TO FRED STARRH

##### HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 1999*

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my friends in Kern County who share a mutual goal of improving educational opportunities in our schools, as we honor one of our finest friends, Fred Starrh, a man devoted to helping his neighbors, a man always willing to do the hard work, a man who pride in his country is visible to everyone he meets. Tonight we honor one aspect of this man's accomplishment—his achievements and commitment to thousands of Kern County high school students during his tenure as a trustee of the Kern High School District.

As a trustee and Past President, Fred Starrh has devoted a tremendous amount of time and effort to preparing Kern County's children for their future. Those who have worked with Fred know he puts his all into every project he takes on. His service on the